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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

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MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE</b>
DATE AND TIME:	<b>January 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	<b>March 14, 2019</b>

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member, President  
Dr. Ryan Barnhart, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary  
Tammy Beebe, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member  
Rozi Berberian, Public Member  
Dr. Erin Cox O'Leary, DDS, Professional Member  
June Ewing, Public Member  
Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member  
Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member  
Buffy Parker, RDH, Professional Hygiene Member  
Carla Rawheiser, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member  
Joseph Stormer, Public Member  
Bonnie Thomas, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member (arrived 3:05 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**DIVISION STAFF**

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II  
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Julie Kappers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Matthews called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**EXAM SCORE REPORTING**

Dr. Matthews read aloud the exam results from the dental exam held January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2018**

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Cox O'Leary, to approve the December 20, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of Dentists and Sleep Medicine**

The Board continued the discussion involving dentists and sleep medicine. One solution would be to adopt the ADA guidelines into the regulations but this could cause further issues.

It was suggested that dentists refer to the Delaware State Dental Society for their opinion. If there is a consensus that there needs to be a law change to include sleep medicine in the scope of practice it should come from a source other than the Board.

The Board agreed that dentists have the ADA guidelines to refer to and the Board cannot deliver any opinion at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ratification of Dental Hygienist Applications**

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to ratify the dental hygienist license listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ruth Ashburn

### **Ratification of Restricted II Permits**

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to ratify the restricted II permits listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Jean Wahl

### **Ratification of Unrestricted II Permits**

Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to ratify the unrestricted II permit listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Fadi Kosa

### **Complaint Updates**

The Board was informed that complaints #09-11-18 and #09-13-18 were dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

### **Discussion of Bill to Add Practice at State Clinics to Provisional Licenses**

Ms. Singh introduced a cleanup bill that proposes to add Division of Public Health Dental Clinics as part of the provisional license that currently covers FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers) only.

Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to move forward with the proposed legislative change. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Discussion of the DOR Portion of the Dental Exam

The Board discussed the age of the slides and how often they need to be recertified in order to be valid and current. Dr. Matthews stated he would reach out to the professionals that performed the last recertification in 2010/2011. This subject will be kept on the agenda for further discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For discussion only)**

There was no other business before the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie Kappers introduced herself and discussed with the Board the struggle she has been going through in order to obtain a dental hygienist license from the Pennsylvania Board. She explained the criteria approval process that she would qualify under and the item that states she must contact the state licensing authority and have them send an official certification letter directly to the Board that states they will reciprocate with Pennsylvania applicants for licensure in that state on the basis of criteria approval. She has been denied a license and has a hearing to state her case to the Pennsylvania Board.

The Board agreed that a letter stating Delaware's licensing requirements can be composed as it will not be an endorsement but a statement coming directly from the statutes.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meredith Hurley  
Administrative Specialist II